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FOR: ALKYL ESTERS OF 3-(3,4-DIHALOPHENYL)-2,6-DIOXOPIPERIDINE-3-PROPIONIC ACID OF USE AS INTERMEDIATES

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)**

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2004, by the United States Patent and Trademark Office setting a three-month period for response which was set to expire on October 1, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is extended by three months to January 1, 2005, pursuant to the Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) which is submitted herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: